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SUBJ: EXTENSIVE FRG PRESS COMMENT ON FRENCH/PAKISTANI  
NUCLEAR DEAL.

1. SUMMARY: GERMAN MAJOR PRESS DEVOTED EXTENSIVE  
EDITORIAL COVERAGE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REPORTED  
EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE SALE OF A FRENCH REPROCESSING  
PLANT TO PAKISTAN. COMMENTATORS SAW IMPLICATIONS FOR  
THE FRG AND RELATED DEVELOPMENTS TO FRG DEALS WITH  
BRAZIL AND IRAN. WHILE MUCH OF COMMENT WAS CRITICAL  
OF U.S., THERE WAS UNDERSTANDING OF COMPLEXITY OF  
ISSUE, AND SOME SYMPATHY FOR SECRETARY'S ACTIONS.  
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2. "RHEINISCHE POST", DUESSELDORF, OF AUG. 11, PRO-CDU, MAINTAINED THAT KISSINGER HAS DONE LITTLE TO MAKE THE US POSITION CREDIBLE. BEFORE MEETING WITH BHUTTO HE AGREED WITH THE SHAH TO SUPPLY IRAN WITH SIX TO EIGHT REACTORS. THIS IS NOT AN ISOLATED CASE. ONLY LAST YEAR AMERICA'S MASSIVE INTERVENTION AGAINST THE FRG-BRAZIL NUCLEAR DEAL WAS FOLLOWED BY ITS PROMISE TO SADAT TO FURNISH EGYPT TWO A-PLANTS WORTH SOME THREE BILLION DEUTSCHE MARKS. THE US MADE SIMILAR PROMISES TO ISRAEL. REASSURING REFERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL CONTROL IS AT BEST A FIG LEAF. TWO DIFFERENT YARDSTICKS ARE APPLIED IN THE WORLDWIDE NUCLEAR BUSINESS. ALSO, IN THE FUTURE THE BORDERLINE BETWEEN MORAL CLAIM AND PROFIT WILL BE DICTATED BY THE SELF-INTEREST OF THE EXPORTER. "DIE WELT", OF AUG. 13, RIGHT-CENTER, SAID THAT AMERICANS ARE NOT GUIDED EXCLUSIVELY BY ALTRUISTIC IDEAS IN TRYING TO AVERT DANGERS TO MANKIND. IN OBJECTING TO EUROPEAN NUCLEAR DEALS, THEY ARE GUIDED ALSO BY EGOISTIC MOTIVES. THEY ARE CONCLUDING SUCH DEALS THEMSELVES, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE ATTACHING SOME STRINGS TO THEM. THE UPSHOT IS THIS: THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ALONG WITH NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IS INEVITABLE. FOR BETTER OR WORSE, OUR GENERATION HAS TO LIVE WITH THIS PROSPECT, WHICH IS NOT IDEALISTIC BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, REALISTIC.

3. "SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG", INDEPENDENT, ON AUG. 12 ASKED WHETHER FRENCH PREMIER CHIRAC WAS REALLY SO INNOCENT AND OLD-FASHIONED AS TO CONSIDER DELIVERY OF A NUCLEAR REPROCESSING FACILITY TO PAKISTAN AS A MATTER CONCERNING EXCLUSIVELY TWO SOVEREIGN NATIONS. HE SHOULD KNOW THAT PROLIFERATION OF PLUTONIUM IN AREAS OF CONFLICT IS AN ISSUE THAT CANNOT BE ELIMINATED BY POINTING AT THE RIGHT OF SOVEREIGN NATIONS. IT IS PART OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL NUCLEAR POWERS TO COMPREHEND THE DYNAMICS OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, EVEN IF SOME OF THEM HAVE NOT SIGNED THE NPT. "NEUE RHEIN-ZEITUNG", OF AUG. 12, PRO-SPD: PREMIER CHIRAC USED VERY ENERGETIC LANGUAGE IN REJECTING AMERICAN INTERFERENCE. HE WILL RECEIVE APPLAUSE, BECAUSE PEOPLE SUSPECT

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AMERICANS OF TRYING TO RESTRICT SUCH DEALS TO AMERICAN FIRMS. SUCH ATTEMPTS HAVE ALSO BEEN WITNESSED BY GERMAN PRODUCERS OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS.

4. "DIE ZEIT", LEFT-CENTER WEEKLY, FOR AUG. 12 SAID THAT KISSINGER HAS DRASTICALLY DEMONSTRATED TO FRIENDLY AND ALLIED NATIONS WHERE THE LIMITS OF TOLERANCE IN AMERICAN POLICY ARE IN REGARD TO BIG DEALS

WITH NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. PAKISTAN FINDS ITSELF CON-  
FRONTED WITH THE CHOICE OF DOING WITHOUT INDISPENS-  
ABLE AMERICAN ARMS AND MILITARY AID OR WITHOUT  
FRENCH REPROCESSING INSTALLATIONS. HOWEVER, NOT  
ONLY PAKISTAN HAS REASON TO FEEL CRITICIZED.  
KISSINGER'S WARNING WAS ADDRESSED ALSO TO PARIS AND  
BONN. TO BONN BECAUSE OF ITS NUCLEAR DEAL WITH BRAZIL.  
THE CONTROVERSY IN THIS MATTER WILL BECOME MORE HEATED  
AFTER THE AMERICAN ELECTIONS, ESPECIALLY IF JIMMY  
CARTER WINS THEM. THE AMERICAN DESIRE TO PREVENT THE  
FURTHER SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS MAY HAVE SERIOUS

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CONSEQUENCES ON SUPPLIERS LIKE FRANCE AND GERMANY.

5. ACCORDING TO THE "NEUE RHEINZEITUNG", PRO-SPD, FOR AUG. 12, THE FRG CANNOT BE SUSPECTED OF SUPPORTING ANY GERMAN OR FOREIGN PLANS TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE FRG HAS SIGNED THE NPT AND, THEREFORE, HAS A FREE HAND FOR USING NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACE. "GENERAL ANZEIGER", BONN, INDEPENDENT, ON AUG. 11 THOUGHT IT INTERESTING THAT THE NUCLEAR ASPIRATIONS OF DISTANT PAKISTAN HAVE NOT SPARKED IN FRANCE THE NUCLEAR FEARS IT HAS REGARDING THE FRG.

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6. IN RELATED COMMENT, "DIE WELT" FOR AUG. 13 REPORTED STRONG IRRITATION AMONG BOTH GERMAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND NUCLEAR INDUSTRIES FOLLOWING THE "SPECTACULAR" PROTOCOL THAT WAS SIGNED BY SHAH PAHLEVI AND SECRETARY KISSINGER IN TEHRAN, BECAUSE THE EXPECTED DELIVERY OF SIX TO EIGHT AMERICAN NUCLEAR REACTORS WOULD MEAN THE SATURATION OF IRANIAN ENERGY PRODUCTION NEEDS UNTIL 1990. THE PAPER REPORTS THAT KWU HAS TAKEN STEPS TO INTENSIFY FRG-IRAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION. THESE INCLUDE A PROPOSAL FOR THE FORMATION OF A JOINT COMPANY, UNITED IRANIAN POWER CORPORATION, WHICH WOULD GOVERN ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELDS OF URANIUM PROSPECTING AND MINING, FUEL FABRICATION, AND SEA WATER DESALINATION.  
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